REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants note with appreciation the thorough review of the present application as evidenced by the Official Action. Claims 1-33 were originally filed in the application. Claims 29-33 were previously cancelled. Claims 6, 7, 9, 15, 22, and 27 are presently cancelled. Claims 34 and 35 have been newly added. Therefore, upon entry of this present Amendment claims 1-5, 8, 10-14, 16-21, 23-26, 28, 34, and 35 will be pending.

The title and CROSS REFERNCE TO RELATED APPLICATION have been amended.

The Objection to the Claims

The Official Action objected to claims 1-3, 10, 12, 18-20, and 24-25. Claims are presently amended or cancelled to create appropriate corrections.

The Rejection of the Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is Overcome

The Official Action rejected claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The claims have been amended to overcome the Section 112 rejections

The Rejection of the Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is Overcome

The Official Action rejected claims 1-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Walker et al (US 6,203,427). Applicant traverses the rejection. The claims have been amended to include the limitation that the embodiments of the invention are directed to a wireless game terminal in a wireless network environment. Walker does not suggest nor teach a wireless game terminal in a wireless network. The Examiner in rejecting claim 15 opines that

> "It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use well known wireless terminal in the game system of Walker in order to facilitate mobility and to eliminate complicated wiring for the player."

Applicant traverses this rejection as the Examiner has failed to make a *prima facie* case for obviousness. The rejection is based on the Examiner's own logic in holding the claim obvious. Mere conclusory statements are not proper in modifying a reference to opine upon obviousness. When the Examiner is asserting something to be general knowledge to

negate patentability, that knowledge must be articulated and placed on the record. The failure to do so is not consistent with administrative procedure (*In re Lee*, 277 F.3d 1338, Fed. Cir. 2002).

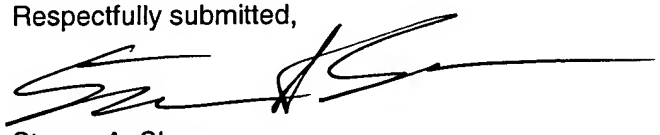
At a minimum, Walker taken either individually or in combination with objective references does not teach the claims as present above for reconsideration. Applicant submit that the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are therefore overcome.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and the remarks presented above, it is respectfully submitted that the set of claims is in condition for immediate allowance. Applicant respectfully request reconsideration of the present application and issuance of a Notice of Allowance. In the event that any additional issues arise, however, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to expedite the examination of the present application.

A three month Extension of Time is herein petitioned under 37 CFR 1.136(a) in order to be able to reply by Nov. 16, 2003. Appropriate fee transmittal form is filed herewith. In the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0270.

Respectfully submitted,



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